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1. On 30 April and on 2 May 1953, Francois Detaille of Produits metallurgiques Metaux non-ferreux, Wavrepoint, Belgium, Rue Haute 446, called at the East German Chamber of Foreign Trade (Kammer fuer Aussenhandel) (KFA) and requested KFA support. Detaille complained to the KFA representative that several months ago he had concluded a contract with Director Worms (fmu) of DIA-Metall for several hundred tons of heavy and light plates of Rostock. Detaille had in the meanwhile contracted for the delivery of the material from various Belgian companies; however, the DIN standard had been changed three times by DIA-Metall, and no attempts have been made to pay for the material.
2. Detaille was told by the KFA representative that the actual difficulties lay in the current shortage of foreign exchange in East Germany. He was advised to wait for a few weeks, when the situation would probably improve.
3. Detaille also mentioned that he planned to go to Belgian Congo within the next four to six weeks, and while he was there he would discuss the possibility of marketing East German products there.
4. Detaille has been doing business with East Germany since 1949, and since that time has delivered 200 tons of copper of Rostock. He is well known in the East German Ministries of Light and Heavy Industry and at DIA-Metall.

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1. Comment: Deutsche Industrie Normung.

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